(c) whether these acts of MTNL, Bombay and Delhi have caused lot of several crores to the public exchequer; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) Sir, the matter is now in the Supreme Court and therefore subjudice.

Setting up of more Electronic Telephone Exchanges

3173. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up more electronic telephone exchanges in the country during 1992-94 under the expansion programme, year-wise;

(b) whether any increase/cut is being effected in the quota meant for Rajasthan as well as Orissa in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Waiting List for telephones in Districts of Gujarat

3174. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the district-wise number of telephone subscribers at present in Gujarat;

(b) what is the district-wise number of persons on the waiting list at present; and

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The information is given in the statement attached (See below)

(c) The Department of Telecom has formulated the 8th Five Year Plan which envisages:

— to provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas;

— waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years for large telephone systems;

— expansion programmes are being drawn accordingly for Gujarat telecom circle.

Statement

	Names of District (SSA)	No. of Tele. Conns. working as on 31.10.92	Total W/L as on 31.10.92
1.	Ahmedabad	170220	56176
2.	Baroda	41033	32233
3.	Rajkot	41375	12706
4.	Surat	58479	50227
5.	Nadiad (Kheda)	29263	3623
6.	Junagadh	21187	2722